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## GRAND PARK - CORAL TREE REPLACEMENT

This memo is to inform the Board that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has approved Grand Park's request for the removal of a large Coral Tree (Tree) located in Grand Park (Park). The Tree is located adjacent to Olive Court of the Park, on the northeast side of the Mosk Superior Courthouse.

During the construction of the Park, all of the remaining trees were pruned and trimmed including this Tree. At that time, the arborist noted that the Tree should be continually inspected due to years of disease and weather damage, the instability of the Tree branches could pose a risk to the public, as this area is a high pedestrian walkway, with seating underneath. Tree evaluations have continued and have been conducted by at least two arborists who, now recommend the removal of the Tree. There is no amount of pruning, trimming, or cabling that can ensure the safety of the public when near or around the Tree.

The Park staff has tentatively scheduled the removal of the Tree by Valley Crest, the Park's landscape company, at the end of March or early April 2013. The removal of the Tree will take place on Saturday night, between the hours of 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. The work was scheduled during off peak hours to control the dust and debris, and minimize the inconvenience and noise impact to the occupants of the Mosk Superior Courthouse, and patrons of the Park. Equipment such as a bucket truck, climbing equipment, and chainsaws will be used.

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As an interim measure, plants consistent with the Park's landscape plan will be used to fill the space, until a permanent medium sized tree becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lucas Rivera, Director of Grand Park, at (213) 971-4337, or Ms. Dawn McDivitt, of this office, at (213) 974-2620.

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